



Magnolia Community Council

March 20, 2018

Magnolia Community Council Board of Trustees Meeting
United Church of Christ

Trustees present: Mary Montgomery, Aubrey Mandus, Bruce Carter, Janis Traven, Jessica Gallegos, Cindy Pierce, Carol Burton, David Kaplan, Steve DeForest, Tom Tanner, David Moehring, Libby Stevenson

Guests: Karen Ko, Matthew Dubin, Wes Ducey, Marni Heffron, Lisa Reid, members of the community

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Meeting called to order by Mary Montgomery at 7:03 p.m. Trustee introductions were made. Draft agenda approved. Draft of February 20 minutes emailed late in the day, trustees invited to review and offer feedback, approval tentative. No Treasurers report, Mary Hoverson unable to attend.

Candidate for WA State House of Representatives 36th District Presentation

Self-introduction by Matt Dubin. Mr. Dubin outlined his three priority issues:

- Homeless - \$200 million in 2017
- Transportation
- Property Crime

Magnolia Bridge Planning Study Presentation

Introductions: Wes Ducey, Associate Civil Engineer - Seattle Department of Transportation; Marni Heffron, Principal & President - Heffron Transportation; Lisa Reid, SCJ Alliance - Principal Transportation Manager.

The study was requested by the city to determine a viable alternative to the Magnolia bridge, rather than a direct replacement for the existing bridge. It was stated that an “in-kind” replacement of the Magnolia bridge is not financially feasible. They are currently in ‘Phase Three’ of the Planning Study. The evaluation process for determining the alternative to the Magnolia bridge is being created using multiple “components” which can be combined in various ways to determine the best option. Components are proposed then studied and evaluated against “Fatal Flaw” criteria to determine how viable each component will be. Technical screening includes:

- Traffic operational need
- Geometric feasibility

Alternative Analysis includes:

- Traffic operations metrics
- Costs
- Right of way considerations
- Construction

All components of the planning study under consideration were reviewed and discussed. Full presentation details are available [here](#). More information about the Magnolia Bridge Planning Study can be found [online](#).

Magnolia Bridge Planning Study Presentation (continued)

Questions about various particulars of several of the components were raised. The study is still in process, they are working to determine the affordability and viability of all the components. The planning study is scheduled to wrap up this year.

- Q: Will there be Magnolia Village accessibility?
 - A: Magnolia Village routes will be part of the study for travel time, accessibility, etc.
- Q: Concerns and questions were raised about left turns on 15th Avenue due to the ST3 project putting pillars in the center lane.
 - A: The Magnolia Bridge Planning Study group has attended weekly meetings held between ST3 and SDOT to coordinate efforts. They are about a year away from 15th link decision. Considerations are also being made for the future replacement of the Ballard bridge.

Street Car Plans

Bruce Carter proposed writing a letter to outline concerns about the street car plans. Motion to start a committee to write the letter. Motion approved and new Trustees asked to participate.

North Gate Plans

Tom Tanner wants to be clear about the MCC's position regarding opening the North Gate. He is concerned others think the North Gate decision is tied to the Magnolia bridge solution and potential traffic issues need to be addressed. Tom proposes a motion to draft a letter regarding the North Gate to send to the city, the Port of Seattle and the SDOT. There was some discussion about taking this topic to the NAC meeting. Carol Burton recommends we clarify the timeline for the proposed opening of the North Gate.

Fort Lawton Redevelopment Plan

The final EIS deadline is late March, otherwise the Army will sell to an independent contractor. Ms. Campbell has stated she will file and appeal, which will delay things further. Complicating the timelines and process to move forward.

Sound Transit 3

Mary Montgomery shared that Ben Broesamle was unable to attend. He sent some letters to the MCC sharing current discussions. Jeanne Kohl-Welles sent a letter discussing the "West is Best" option. Bruce Carter commented the MCC should develop additional documents to continue communicating to the city our position and concerns. There was some discussion about hiring a lobbyist.

Land Use

David Moehring sent the Mandatory Housing Affordability survey to the trustees. He discussed an appeal with the city and explained he can identify what we as a community want via the rankings on the survey. He explained there will be several city council hearings, ours will be April 16th and David encouraged everyone to attend and speak (2 minutes permitted per person). We can also submit feedback in writing.

West Precinct Advisory Council

Cindy's updates:

- They have morning meetings now. Trustees are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings.
- Terry Johnston retired, new leadership now. Cindy Pierce can provide the name.
- Looking for new police chief.
- Property crime higher in January, lower in February, which is about the same as last year.
- Downtown crime is on the rise.
- Successful apprehension of an intruder this morning.
- Safety meeting organized by a community member recently at the church, it seems to have gone well.
- Homeless encampments update: the Navigation Team isn't big enough to handle the work load, but they're working on it.

Various Parks

Mary Montgomery shared that there is an interim park superintendent.

Magnolia Manor Park

Carol Burton shared the group, Friends of Magnolia Manor Park, is on hiatus for now due to a freeze-out from the Parks Department.

DPAC

Carol Burton discussed the efforts by Giovannina to try getting approval for historic tours.

New/Old Business

Possible guest speakers for the next meeting?

- Monica Van der Vieren invited to speak on Magnolia Conveyance Project (water treatment/ CSO)
- Teresa (last name?) to speak, per Charlene
- Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Commissioner Peter Steinbeck, per Bruce
- Barb Biondo, crime prevention coordinator, per Cindy
- Peter Steinbeck at the Port of Seattle
- Ryan Hawkins at the Port of Seattle

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Aubrey Mandus

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